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Application of:
Bode et al.

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For: Flow Control Apparatus for Use
in a Wellbore


Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED AUGUST 24, 2004

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 24, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 24, 2004, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0117.D1/WBP for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.